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For: DUAL-PHASE HARD MATERIAL,  
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF AND ITS USE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (AFTER ALLOWANCE)**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to issuance, please enter the following amendments in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.